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FOREIGN PATENTS:

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
WO 96/36955	PCT	November 21, 1996

PUBLICATIONS:

“Haptic Walkthrough Simulator: Its Design and Application to Studies on Cognitive Map”, Hiroo Iwata, et al. (July 1992), pages 185 to 192.

“Virtual Perambulator: A Novel Interface Device for Locomotion in Virtual Environment”, Hiroo Iwata, et al. (April 1996), pages 60 to 65.

#### REMARKS

The documents listed above and on the PTO-1449 were cited in an official communication from the European Patent Office in connection with a corresponding European patent application. A copy of a Search Report indicating how those references are deemed material to the European patent application also is enclosed as an English language statement of relevance for the Examiner's consideration. Note: The EPO '391 reference, the EPO '514 reference, the PCT WO '540 reference and the Verlag Publication (“Die Space Mouse Bei Der Cad-Arbeit), cited in the present European Patent Office Communication, previously were cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed February 18, 2004.

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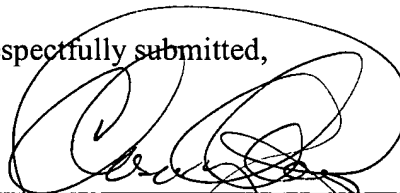
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#### CONCLUSION

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	<b>European Search Report dated March 1, 2004 (Ref. No. 2749830).</b>

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